



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,223 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 329 (8.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 926 (-18.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,635 monetary determinations issued in November, 234 (8.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 36,339 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, an increase of 8,323 (29.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 2,201 (6.4%) from a year ago. There were 32,156 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.7 million. There were 2,298 (7.1%) partial payments issued in November 2015 compared to 2,480 (8.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$333. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 70 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 9 (-11.4%) from the previous month and an increase of 2 (2.9%) from November 2014. It is estimated that 23 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,076 first payments and 742 final payments were issued in November 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 31.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,509 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2015. Of the 1,509 determinations, 1,024 (67.9%) were separation issues and 485 (32.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 457 (44.6%) separation issues and 440 (90.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 341 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2015. Of the 341 processed, 265 (77.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 76 (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	Previous Month	Year Ago	Year to Date 2015	Year to Date 2014
Initial Claims	4,223	3,894	5,149	8.4%	-18.0%	58,552	66,904
Monetary Determinations	2,635	2,356	3,121	11.8%	-15.6%	35,728	41,487
Monetary Ineligible	234	232	338	0.9%	-30.8%	2,878	4,114
Weeks Claimed	36,339	28,016	34,138	29.7%	6.4%	498,835	568,037
Number of Payments	32,156	25,339	29,778	26.9%	8.0%	451,070	513,040
Amount of Payments	\$10,698,582	\$8,533,331	\$9,762,780	25.4%	9.6%	\$146,748,284	\$169,136,474
Average Payment	\$333	\$337	\$328	-1.2%	1.5%	\$325	\$330
Partial Payments	2,298	1,821	2,480	26.2%	-7.3%	31,188	42,102
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.3	16.3	0.1%	-6.0%	15.3	16.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	31.4	31.5	38.2	-0.4%	-17.8%	31.4	38.2
First Payments	2,076	1,520	1,921	36.6%	8.1%	28,960	31,304
Final Payments	742	643	838	15.4%	-11.5%	9,324	12,692
Workshare Initial Claims	70	79	68	-11.4%	2.9%	968	1,025
Workshare Equivalency	23	21	15	9.5%	53.3%	259	346
Workshare Continued Claims	891	671	902	32.8%	-1.2%	11,184	15,188

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