



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,747 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,360 (-38.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 325 (-8.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,257 monetary determinations issued in May, 178 (7.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 35,041 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 11,196 (-24.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,570 (-15.8%) from a year ago. There were 31,872 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.5 million. There were 2,263 (7.1%) partial payments issued in May 2015 compared to 3,071 (8.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$331. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 187 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 148 (379.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 164 (713.0%) from May 2014. It is estimated that 44 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,726 first payments and 885 final payments were issued in May 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 33.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,081 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2015. Of the 2,081 determinations, 1,286 (61.8%) were separation issues and 795 (38.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 574 (44.6%) separation issues and 716 (90.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 356 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2015. Of the 356 processed, 298 (83.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 58 (16.3%) 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	2015	2014
Initial Claims	3,747	6,107	4,072	-38.6%	-8.0%	31,437	35,724
Monetary Determinations	2,257	2,728	2,589	-17.3%	-12.8%	19,396	22,521
Monetary Ineligible	178	164	283	8.5%	-37.1%	1,495	2,175
Weeks Claimed	35,041	46,237	41,611	-24.2%	-15.8%	273,540	316,006
Number of Payments	31,872	42,645	37,568	-25.3%	-15.2%	247,794	288,025
Amount of Payments	\$10,536,468	\$13,886,842	\$12,536,745	-24.1%	-16.0%	\$81,758,715	\$96,651,999
Average Payment	\$331	\$326	\$334	1.5%	-0.9%	\$330	\$336
Partial Payments	2,263	2,886	3,071	-21.6%	-26.3%	16,407	23,611
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.6	15.7	16.2	-0.4%	-3.5%	15.6	16.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	33.8	34.3	40.2	-1.6%	-16.0%	33.8	40.2
First Payments	1,726	2,005	1,925	-13.9%	-10.3%	16,357	17,959
Final Payments	885	932	1,293	-5.0%	-31.6%	4,634	6,691
Workshare Initial Claims	187	39	23	379.5%	713.0%	449	413
Workshare Equivalency	44	8	5	450.0%	780.0%	113	202
Workshare Continued Claims	1,440	730	1,238	97.3%	16.3%	5,067	7,415

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