



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2014

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 5,633 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 1,470 (-20.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,742 (-23.6%) from a year ago. Of the 3,760 monetary determinations issued in July, 319 (8.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 48,642 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 1,202 (2.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 10,902 (-18.3%) from a year ago. There were 43,467 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.5 million. There were 3,319 (7.6%) partial payments issued in July 2014 compared to 4,746 (8.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$310. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 88 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 54 (-38.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 71 (-44.7%) from July 2013. It is estimated that 21 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 3,246 first payments and 1,002 final payments were issued in July 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 39.7 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,743 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2014. Of the 1,743 determinations, 969 (55.6%) were separation issues and 774 (44.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 398 (41.1%) separation issues and 544 (70.3%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 468 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2014. Of the 468 processed, 396 (84.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 72 (15.4%) 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	2014	2013
Initial Claims	5,633	7,103	7,375	-20.7%	-23.6%	48,460	50,472
Monetary Determinations	3,760	3,707	4,462	1.4%	-15.7%	29,988	31,317
Monetary Ineligible	319	327	474	-2.4%	-32.7%	2,821	3,700
Weeks Claimed	48,642	47,440	59,544	2.5%	-18.3%	412,088	431,739
Number of Payments	43,467	41,261	53,700	5.3%	-19.1%	372,753	393,135
Amount of Payments	\$13,486,741	\$13,574,481	\$17,318,504	-0.6%	-22.1%	\$123,713,221	\$134,370,399
Average Payment	\$310	\$329	\$323	-5.7%	-3.8%	\$332	\$342
Partial Payments	3,319	3,447	4,746	-3.7%	-30.1%	30,377	34,973
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.2	16.8	0.1%	-3.5%	16.2	16.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	39.7	41.2	43.4	-3.6%	-8.5%	39.7	43.4
First Payments	3,246	2,325	3,827	39.6%	-15.2%	23,530	24,086
Final Payments	1,002	1,263	1,423	-20.7%	-29.6%	8,956	10,461
Workshare Initial Claims	88	142	159	-38.0%	-44.7%	643	1,365
Workshare Equivalency	21	32	33	-34.4%	-36.4%	255	336
Workshare Continued Claims	851	1,245	2,071	-31.6%	-58.9%	9,511	14,325

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