

Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,072 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,526 (-38.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 329 (-7.5%) from a year ago. Of the 4,072 initial claims processed this month, 280 (6.9%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 2,589 monetary determinations issued in May, 283 (10.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 41,611 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 11,192 (-21.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,824 (-6.4%) from a year ago. There were 37,568 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.5 million. There were 3,071 (8.2%) partial payments issued in May 2014 compared to 3,943 (9.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$334. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 23 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 14 (-37.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 250 (-91.6%) from May 2013. It is estimated that 5 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,925 first payments and 1,293 final payments were issued in May 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 40.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,754 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2014. Of the 1,754 determinations, 1,163 (66.3%) were separation issues and 591 (33.7%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 539 (46.3%) separation issues and 538 (91.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 328 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2014. Of the 328 processed, 270 (82.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 58 (17.7%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2014	2013
Initial Claims	4,072	6,598	4,401	-38.3%	-7.5%	35,724	37,557
Monetary Determinations	2,589	3,174	2,913	-18.4%	-11.1%	22,521	23,506
Monetary Ineligible	283	243	388	16.5%	-27.1%	2,175	2,856
Weeks Claimed	41,611	52,803	44,435	-21.2%	-6.4%	316,006	331,072
Number of Payments	37,568	49,269	40,120	-23.7%	-6.4%	288,025	301,976
Amount of Payments	\$12,536,745	\$16,382,493	\$13,859,764	-23.5%	-9.5%	\$96,651,999	\$104,195,997
Average Payment	\$334	\$333	\$345	0.4%	-3.4%	\$336	\$345
Partial Payments	3,071	4,097	3,943	-25.0%	-22.1%	23,611	26,627
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.2	16.2	16.7	-0.1%	-3.1%	16.2	16.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	40.2	40.4	45.0	-0.5%	-10.7%	40.2	45.0
First Payments	1,925	2,297	2,051	-16.2%	-6.1%	17,959	18,042
Final Payments	1,293	1,390	1,492	-7.0%	-13.3%	6,691	7,874
Workshare Initial Claims	23	37	273	-37.8%	-91.6%	413	1,004
Workshare Equivalency	5	11	64	-54.5%	-92.2%	202	256
Workshare Continued Claims	1,238	1,230	2,151	0.7%	-42.4%	7,415	10,043

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