



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2014

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,517 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 3,723 (-40.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,038 (-15.8%) from a year ago. Of the 5,517 initial claims processed this month, 394 (7.1%) were filed by customers who were not citizens of the U.S. Of the 3,607 monetary determinations issued in March, 453 (12.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 80,078 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, an increase of 7,167 (9.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 8,559 (12.0%) from a year ago. There were 73,507 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$24.8 million. There were 5,699 (7.8%) partial payments issued in March 2014 compared to 5,639 (8.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$338. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 16.4 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 244 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 178 (269.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 41 (20.2%) from March 2013. It is estimated that 157 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,088 first payments and 1,657 final payments were issued in March 2014. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 41.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,605 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2014. Of the 1,605 determinations, 1,043 (65.0%) were separation issues and 562 (35.0%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 420 (40.3%) separation issues and 532 (94.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 382 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2014. Of the 382 processed, 309 (80.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 73 (19.1%) 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	5,517	9,240	6,555	-40.3%	-15.8%	25,054	25,946
Monetary Determinations	3,607	5,809	4,120	-37.9%	-12.5%	16,758	17,044
Monetary Ineligible	453	594	603	-23.7%	-24.9%	1,649	1,993
Weeks Claimed	80,078	72,911	71,519	9.8%	12.0%	221,592	218,052
Number of Payments	73,507	66,657	66,476	10.3%	10.6%	201,188	199,562
Amount of Payments	\$24,848,018	\$22,352,237	\$23,024,589	11.2%	7.9%	\$67,732,761	\$69,125,509
Average Payment	\$338	\$335	\$346	0.8%	-2.4%	\$337	\$346
Partial Payments	5,699	5,178	5,639	10.1%	1.1%	16,443	16,969
Average Duration (12 Months)	16.4	16.1	16.7	1.7%	-1.9%	16.4	16.7
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	41.2	41.2	46.5	0.1%	-11.3%	41.2	46.5
First Payments	3,088	4,536	3,280	-31.9%	-5.9%	13,737	13,319
Final Payments	1,657	1,158	1,602	43.1%	3.4%	4,008	4,551
Workshare Initial Claims	244	66	203	269.7%	20.2%	353	643
Workshare Equivalency	157	21	62	647.6%	153.2%	186	171
Workshare Continued Claims	1,837	1,840	2,325	-0.2%	-21.0%	4,947	5,808

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