



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 71,699 initial claims were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 12,097 (-14.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 65,401 (1038.4%) from a year ago. Of the 71,699 initial claims processed in April, 69,811 were due to COVID-19. Of the 45,458 monetary determinations issued in April 11,352 (25.0%) were monetarily ineligible. April 7, we began processing Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) initial claims, there were 32,890 filed in April.

Weeks Claimed – 355,726 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, an increase of 249,897 (236.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 312,330 (719.7%) from a year ago. There were 349,596 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$112.9 million. There were 13,753 (3.9%) partial payments issued in April 2020 compared to 2,311 (5.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$323. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 6.9 weeks per claim. In April there were 54,080 continued claims processed for PUA.

Workshare – 244 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 133 from the previous month and an increase of 190 from April 2019. It is estimated that 72 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 57,364 first payments and 959 final payments were issued in April 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 914 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2020. Of the 914 determinations, 571 (62.5%) were separation issues and 343 (37.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 261 (45.7%) separation issues and 336 (98.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 371 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2020. Of the 371 processed, 297 (80.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 74 (19.9%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in more than two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Percent Change From		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2020	2019
Initial Claims	71,699	83,796	6,298	-14.4%	1038.4%	166,102	21,186
COVID-19	69,811	78,061		-10.6%		147,872	
PUA	32,890						
Monetary Determinations	45,458	52,544	3,582	-13.5%	1169.1%	105,996	14,638
Monetary Ineligible	11,352	4,130	109	174.9%	10314.7%	15,903	652
Weeks Claimed	355,726	105,829	43,396	236.1%	719.7%	553,571	188,717
Number of Payments	349,596	100,251	40,444	248.7%	764.4%	534,102	175,834
Amount of Payments	\$112,899,907	\$34,817,863	\$14,560,654	224.3%	675.4%	\$179,534,047	\$64,341,990
Average Payment	\$323	\$347	\$360	-7.0%	-10.3%	\$336	\$366
Partial Payments	13,753	3,968	2,311	246.6%	495.1%	22,497	9,414
Average Duration (12 Months)	6.9	8.2	14.8	-16.1%	-53.5%	6.9	14.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.0	27.3	27.0	2.4%	3.5%	28.0	27.0
First Payments	57,364	30,611	1,913	87.4%	2898.6%	95,645	12,146
Final Payments	959	759	862	26.4%	11.3%	2,676	2,622
Workshare Initial Claims	244	111	54	119.8%	351.9%	706	210
Workshare Equivalency	72	28	13	157.1%	453.8%	193	66
Workshare Continued Claims	2,223	1,805	1,775	23.2%	25.2%	5,123	5,489

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