

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2020

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 4,755 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,097 (-18.7%) from the previous month, and an increase of 54 (1.1%) from a year ago. Of the 3,023 monetary determinations issued in February 243 (8.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 45,793 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 430 (-0.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3,597 (-7.3%) from a year ago. There were 42,788 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.3 million. There were 2,027 (4.7%) partial payments issued in February 2020 compared to 2,450 (5.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$382. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 299 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 247 from the previous month and an increase of 290 from February 2019. It is estimated that 82 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 2,717 first payments and 478 final payments were issued in February 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 26.7 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,541 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2020. Of the 1,541 determinations, 977 (63.4%) were separation issues and 564 (36.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 378 (38.7%) separation issues and 545 (96.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 250 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2020. Of the 250 processed, 204 (81.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 46 (18.4%) 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	4,755	5,852	4,701	-18.7%	1.1%	10,607	11,721
Monetary Determinations	3,023	4,971	3,238	-39.2%	-6.6%	7,994	8,921
Monetary Ineligible	243	178	203	36.5%	19.7%	421	405
Weeks Claimed	45,793	46,223	49,390	-0.9%	-7.3%	92,016	98,872
Number of Payments	42,788	41,467	46,305	3.2%	-7.6%	84,255	90,798
Amount of Payments	\$16,346,202	\$15,470,075	\$17,005,337	5.7%	-3.9%	\$31,816,277	\$33,163,427
Average Payment	\$382	\$373	\$367	2.4%	4.0%	\$378	\$365
Partial Payments	2,027	2,749	2,450	-26.3%	-17.3%	4,776	4,806
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	14.8	14.9	1.2%	0.5%	15.0	14.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	26.7	26.9	27.2	-0.6%	-1.7%	26.7	27.2
First Payments	2,717	4,953	3,278	-45.1%	-17.1%	7,670	8,307
Final Payments	478	480	559	-0.4%	-14.5%	958	1,159
Workshare Initial Claims	299	52	9	475.0%	3222.2%	351	76
Workshare Equivalency	82	11	4	645.5%	1950.0%	93	33
Workshare Continued Claims	580	515	1,016	12.6%	-42.9%	1,095	2,277

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