



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2020

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,852 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 3,551 (-37.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,168 (-16.6%) from a year ago. Of the 4,971 monetary determinations issued in January 178 (3.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 46,223 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 5,172 (12.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3,259 (-6.6%) from a year ago. There were 41,467 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$15.5 million. There were 2,749 (6.6%) partial payments issued in January 2020 compared to 2,356 (5.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$373. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.8 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 52 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 25 (92.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 15 (-22.4%) from January 2019. It is estimated that 11 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,953 first payments and 480 final payments were issued in January 2020. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 26.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,541 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2020. Of the 1,541 determinations, 902 (58.5%) were separation issues and 639 (41.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 395 (43.8%) separation issues and 586 (91.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 274 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2020. Of the 274 processed, 218 (79.6%) were filed by UI applicants and 56 (20.4%) 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	5,852	9,403	7,020	-37.8%	-16.6%	5,852	7,020
Monetary Determinations	4,971	5,153	5,683	-3.5%	-12.5%	4,971	5,683
Monetary Ineligible	178	375	202	-52.5%	-11.9%	178	202
Weeks Claimed	46,223	41,051	49,482	12.6%	-6.6%	46,223	49,482
Number of Payments	41,467	35,953	44,493	15.3%	-6.8%	41,467	44,493
Amount of Payments	\$15,470,075	\$13,226,916	\$16,158,090	17.0%	-4.3%	\$15,470,075	\$16,158,090
Average Payment	\$373	\$368	\$363	1.4%	2.7%	\$373	\$363
Partial Payments	2,749	2,101	2,356	30.8%	16.7%	2,749	2,356
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.8	14.9	15.0	-0.7%	-1.4%	14.8	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	26.9	26.9	27.2	-0.2%	-1.3%	26.9	27.2
First Payments	4,953	2,897	5,029	71.0%	-1.5%	4,953	5,029
Final Payments	480	659	600	-27.2%	-20.0%	480	600
Workshare Initial Claims	52	27	67	92.6%	-22.4%	52	67
Workshare Equivalency	11	7	29	57.1%	-62.1%	11	29
Workshare Continued Claims	515	485	1,261	6.2%	-59.2%	515	1,261

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