



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,360 initial claims were processed during the month of October, a increase of 702 (26.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 245 (-6.8%) from a year ago. Of the 2,199 monetary determinations issued in October 115 (5.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 21,692 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, a decrease of 6,164 (-22.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,642 (-23.4%) from a year ago. There were 20,162 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$7.6 million. There were 1,368 (6.8%) partial payments issued in October 2019 compared to 1,752 (6.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$377. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 38 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 36 (-48.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3 (-7.3%) from October 2018. It is estimated that 8 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,289 first payments and 523 final payments were issued in October 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.1 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,731 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2019. Of the 1,731 determinations, 1,066 (61.6%) were separation issues and 665 (38.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 456 (42.8%) separation issues and 640 (96.2%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 271 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2019. Of the 271 processed, 223 (82.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 48 (17.7%) 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	2019	2018
Initial Claims	3,360	2,658	3,605	26.4%	-6.8%	42,933	44,630
Monetary Determinations	2,199	1,784	2,349	23.3%	-6.4%	28,554	28,884
Monetary Ineligible	115	138	102	-16.7%	12.7%	1,598	1,715
Weeks Claimed	21,692	27,856	28,334	-22.1%	-23.4%	371,771	393,362
Number of Payments	20,162	25,240	26,257	-20.1%	-23.2%	345,827	363,261
Amount of Payments	\$7,602,497	\$9,245,010	\$9,467,968	-17.8%	-19.7%	\$124,099,661	\$126,495,971
Average Payment	\$377	\$366	\$361	2.9%	4.6%	\$359	\$348
Partial Payments	1,368	1,786	1,752	-23.4%	-21.9%	20,111	22,284
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.0	0.0%	0.0%	15.0	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.1	27.6	27.4	-1.7%	-1.0%	27.1	27.4
First Payments	1,289	1,357	1,610	-5.0%	-19.9%	22,538	23,803
Final Payments	523	662	663	-21.0%	-21.1%	6,318	6,559
Workshare Initial Claims	38	74	41	-48.6%	-7.3%	1,026	1,017
Workshare Equivalency	8	21	12	-61.9%	-33.3%	249	266
Workshare Continued Claims	674	526	1,469	28.1%	-54.1%	15,053	15,296

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