



Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,081 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 1,362 (-25.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 349 (-7.9%) from a year ago. Of the 2,805 monetary determinations issued in July 157 (5.6%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 43,877 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 16,290 (59.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,009 (-2.2%) from a year ago. There were 40,496 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.4 million. There were 2,262 (5.6%) partial payments issued in July 2019 compared to 2,557 (6.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$332. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 157 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 74 (-32.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 76 (93.8%) from July 2018. It is estimated that 35 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,061 first payments and 742 final payments were issued in July 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,853 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2019. Of the 1,853 determinations, 894 (48.2%) were separation issues and 959 (51.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 368 (41.2%) separation issues and 706 (73.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 304 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2019. Of the 304 processed, 243 (79.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 61 (20.1%) 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	2019	2018
Initial Claims	4,081	5,443	4,430	-25.0%	-7.9%	33,766	34,554
Monetary Determinations	2,805	2,834	2,986	-1.0%	-6.1%	22,499	22,285
Monetary Ineligible	157	210	119	-25.2%	31.9%	1,208	1,286
Weeks Claimed	43,877	27,587	44,886	59.0%	-2.2%	288,135	303,576
Number of Payments	40,496	25,637	40,717	58.0%	-0.5%	268,115	278,872
Amount of Payments	\$13,445,078	\$9,242,396	\$13,146,533	45.5%	2.3%	\$96,633,598	\$97,516,766
Average Payment	\$332	\$361	\$323	-7.9%	2.8%	\$360	\$350
Partial Payments	2,262	1,735	2,557	30.4%	-11.5%	14,963	16,505
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	14.8	15.1	1.3%	-0.7%	15.0	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.5	26.8	27.4	2.5%	0.2%	27.5	27.4
First Payments	3,061	1,633	3,463	87.4%	-11.6%	18,366	19,182
Final Payments	742	614	741	20.8%	0.1%	4,597	4,772
Workshare Initial Claims	157	231	81	-32.0%	93.8%	895	735
Workshare Equivalency	35	49	24	-28.6%	45.8%	216	196
Workshare Continued Claims	2,563	2,295	1,553	11.7%	65.0%	12,255	11,296

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