



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2019

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,701 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 2,319 (-33.0%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 158 (-3.3%) from a year ago. Of the 3,238 monetary determinations issued in February 2019 (6.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 49,390 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 92 (-0.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,830 (-3.6%) from a year ago. There were 46,305 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.0 million. There were 2,450 (5.3%) partial payments issued in February 2019 compared to 2,548 (5.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$367. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 9 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 58 (-86.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 58 (-86.6%) from February 2018. It is estimated that 4 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,278 first payments and 559 final payments were issued in February 2019. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.2 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,494 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2019. Of the 1,494 determinations, 910 (60.9%) were separation issues and 584 (39.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 371 (40.8%) separation issues and 565 (96.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 277 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2019. Of the 277 processed, 230 (83.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 47 (17.0%) 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	4,701	7,020	4,859	-33.0%	-3.3%	11,721	12,608
Monetary Determinations	3,238	5,683	3,200	-43.0%	1.2%	8,921	9,384
Monetary Ineligible	203	202	234	0.5%	-13.2%	405	511
Weeks Claimed	49,390	49,482	51,220	-0.2%	-3.6%	98,872	112,545
Number of Payments	46,305	44,493	47,959	4.1%	-3.4%	90,798	101,693
Amount of Payments	\$17,005,337	\$16,158,090	\$17,139,035	5.2%	-0.8%	\$33,163,427	\$36,196,569
Average Payment	\$367	\$363	\$357	1.1%	2.8%	\$365	\$356
Partial Payments	2,450	2,356	2,548	4.0%	-3.8%	4,806	5,699
Average Duration (12 Months)	14.9	15.0	15.2	-0.8%	-2.1%	14.9	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.2	27.2	28.4	0.1%	-4.1%	27.2	28.4
First Payments	3,278	5,029	3,242	-34.8%	1.1%	8,307	8,927
Final Payments	559	600	562	-6.8%	-0.5%	1,159	1,323
Workshare Initial Claims	9	67	67	-86.6%	-86.6%	76	167
Workshare Equivalency	4	29	17	-86.2%	-76.5%	33	40
Workshare Continued Claims	1,016	1,261	1,580	-19.4%	-35.7%	2,277	2,996

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