



# Monthly Update

Month Ending: October 31, 2018

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,605 initial claims were processed during the month of October, an increase of 927 (34.6%) from the previous month, and an increase of 187 (5.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,349 monetary determinations issued in October 102 (4.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 28,334 weeks claimed were processed during the month of October, an increase of 3,048 (12.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,794 (-6.0%) from a year ago. There were 26,257 payments made in October, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.5 million. There were 1,752 (6.7%) partial payments issued in October 2018 compared to 1,987 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$361. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 41 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 70 (-63.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 38 (-48.1%) from October 2017. It is estimated that 12 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,610 first payments and 663 final payments were issued in October 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.4 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,700 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of October 2018. Of the 1,700 determinations, 1,051 (61.8%) were separation issues and 649 (38.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 403 (38.3%) separation issues and 627 (96.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 397 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in October 2018. Of the 397 processed, 323 (81.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 74 (18.6%) 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	2018	2017
Initial Claims	3,605	2,678	3,418	34.6%	5.5%	44,630	46,182
Monetary Determinations	2,349	1,718	2,138	36.7%	9.9%	28,884	29,467
Monetary Ineligible	102	127	120	-19.7%	-15.0%	1,715	1,747
Weeks Claimed	28,334	25,286	30,128	12.1%	-6.0%	393,362	418,109
Number of Payments	26,257	23,831	27,502	10.2%	-4.5%	363,261	384,395
Amount of Payments	\$9,467,968	\$8,422,446	\$9,965,234	12.4%	-5.0%	\$126,495,971	\$132,810,621
Average Payment	\$361	\$353	\$362	2.0%	-0.5%	\$348	\$346
Partial Payments	1,752	1,723	1,987	1.7%	-11.8%	22,284	25,803
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.1	15.2	-0.5%	-1.2%	15.0	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.4	27.6	28.2	-0.6%	-2.7%	27.4	28.2
First Payments	1,610	1,300	1,600	23.8%	0.6%	23,803	24,722
Final Payments	663	569	710	16.5%	-6.6%	6,559	7,210
Workshare Initial Claims	41	111	79	-63.1%	-48.1%	1,017	886
Workshare Equivalency	12	24	26	-50.0%	-53.8%	266	238
Workshare Continued Claims	1,469	1,181	1,142	24.4%	28.6%	15,296	11,127

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