

Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,793 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 637 (-14.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 76 (2.0%) from a year ago. Of the 2,532 monetary determinations issued in August 200 (7.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 36,166 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 8,720 (-19.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,523 (-4.0%) from a year ago. There were 34,301 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.1 million. There were 2,304 (6.7%) partial payments issued in August 2018 compared to 2,767 (7.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$323. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 130 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 49 (60.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 90 (225.0%) from August 2017. It is estimated that 34 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,711 first payments and 555 final payments were issued in August 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,933 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2018. Of the 1,933 determinations, 1,130 (58.5%) were separation issues and 801 (41.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 438 (38.8%) separation issues and 716 (89.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 382 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2018. Of the 382 processed, 303 (79.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 79 (20.7%) 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	3,793	4,430	3,717	-14.4%	2.0%	38,347	39,600
Monetary Determinations	2,532	2,986	2,310	-15.2%	9.6%	24,817	25,294
Monetary Ineligible	200	119	188	68.1%	6.4%	1,486	1,469
Weeks Claimed	36,166	44,886	37,689	-19.4%	-4.0%	339,742	361,289
Number of Payments	34,301	40,717	36,118	-15.8%	-5.0%	313,173	332,281
Amount of Payments	\$11,088,791	\$13,146,533	\$11,618,816	-15.7%	-4.6%	\$108,605,557	\$114,101,732
Average Payment	\$323	\$323	\$322	0.1%	0.5%	\$347	\$343
Partial Payments	2,304	2,557	2,767	-9.9%	-16.7%	18,809	21,786
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.1	15.2	-0.3%	-0.9%	15.1	15.2
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.4	27.4	28.3	0.0%	-3.1%	27.4	28.3
First Payments	1,711	3,463	1,723	-50.6%	-0.7%	20,893	21,746
Final Payments	555	741	608	-25.1%	-8.7%	5,327	5,926
Workshare Initial Claims	130	81	40	60.5%	225.0%	865	749
Workshare Equivalency	34	24	12	41.7%	183.3%	230	195
Workshare Continued Claims	1,350	1,553	1,197	-13.1%	12.8%	12,646	8,907

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