

Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: June 30, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,501 initial claims were processed during the month of June, an increase of 2,294 (71.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 519 (-8.6%) from a year ago. Of the 5,501 monetary determinations issued in June 178 (6.0%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 27,284 weeks claimed were processed during the month of June, a decrease of 809(-2.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3,333 (-10.9%) from a year ago. There were 24,875 payments made in June, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.7 million. There were 1,760 (7.1%) partial payments issued in June 2018 compared to 2,169 (7.8%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$348. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 133 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 39 (41.5%) from the previous month and an increase of 78 (141.8%) from June 2017. It is estimated that 28 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,498 first payments and 556 final payments were issued in June 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 27.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations -1,650 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of June 2018. Of the 1,650 determinations, 987 (59.8%) were separation issues and 663 (40.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 424 (43.0%) separation issues and 582 (87.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals -373 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in June 2018. Of the 373 processed, 286 (76.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 87 (23.3%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Percent Change From						
	Current Month	Previous	Year Ago	Previous Month	Year Ago		Year to Date
		Month				2018	2017
Initial Claims	5,501	3,207	6,020	71.5%	-8.6%	30,124	31,801
Monetary Determinations	2,981	2,231	3,199	33.6%	-6.8%	19,299	20,317
Monetary Ineligible	178	168	144	6.0%	23.6%	1,167	1,154
Weeks Claimed	27,284	28,093	30,617	-2.9%	-10.9%	258,690	277,011
Number of Payments	24,875	26,498	27,983	-6.1%	-11.1%	238,155	254,379
Amount of Payments	\$8,657,420	\$9,390,214	\$9,686,092	-7.8%	-10.6%	\$84,370,233	\$89,160,421
Average Payment	\$348	\$354	\$346	-1.8%	0.5%	\$354	\$351
Partial Payments	1,760	1,664	2,169	5.8%	-18.9%	13,948	16,121
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.1	15.3	0.9%	-0.4%	15.2	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	27.8	28.0	28.6	-0.8%	-2.8%	27.8	28.6
First Payments	1,498	1,518	1,912	-1.3%	-21.7%	15,719	16,696
Final Payments	556	612	686	-9.2%	-19.0%	4,031	4,498
Workshare Initial Claims	133	94	55	41.5%	141.8%	654	611
Workshare Equivalency	28	29	17	-3.4%	64.7%	172	158
Workshare Continued Claims	1,749	1,838	1,306	-4.8%	33.9%	9,743	6,814

Equal Opportunity Employer / Program / Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities / TTY via RI Relay 711.

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Labor Market Information