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.