



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,207 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,122 (-39.8) from the previous month, and a decrease of 467 (-12.7%) from a year ago. Of the 3,207 monetary determinations issued in May 168 (7.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 28,093 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 16,541 (-37.1%) from the previous month and an increase of 10,320 (26.9%) from a year ago. There were 26,498 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.4 million. There were 1,664 (6.3%) partial payments issued in May 2018 compared to 2,494 (7.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$354. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 94 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 42 (-30.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 16 (20.5%) from May 2017. It is estimated that 29 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,518 first payments and 612 final payments were issued in May 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,807 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2018. Of the 1,807 determinations, 1,022 (56.6%) were separation issues and 785 (43.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 455 (44.5%) separation issues and 739 (94.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 433 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2018. Of the 433 processed, 334 (77.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 99 (22.9%) 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	3,207	5,329	3,674	-39.8%	-12.7%	24,623	25,781
Monetary Determinations	2,231	2,576	2,501	-13.4%	-10.8%	16,318	17,118
Monetary Ineligible	168	146	181	15.1%	-7.2%	989	1,010
Weeks Claimed	28,093	44,634	38,413	-37.1%	-26.9%	231,406	246,394
Number of Payments	26,498	40,962	35,244	-35.3%	-24.8%	213,280	226,396
Amount of Payments	\$9,390,214	\$14,259,817	\$12,319,277	-34.1%	-23.8%	\$75,712,813	\$79,474,329
Average Payment	\$354	\$348	\$350	1.8%	1.4%	\$355	\$351
Partial Payments	1,664	2,373	2,494	-29.9%	-33.3%	12,188	13,952
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.3	15.3	-1.2%	-1.2%	15.1	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.0	28.8	28.5	-2.7%	-1.6%	28.0	28.5
First Payments	1,518	1,948	1,781	-22.1%	-14.8%	14,221	14,784
Final Payments	612	841	866	-27.2%	-29.3%	3,475	3,812
Workshare Initial Claims	94	136	78	-30.9%	20.5%	521	556
Workshare Equivalency	29	43	19	-32.6%	52.6%	144	141
Workshare Continued Claims	1,838	1,773	1,977	3.7%	-7.0%	7,994	5,508

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