



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,859 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 2,890 (-37.3%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 517 (-9.6%) from a year ago. Of the 3,200 monetary determinations issued in February, 234 (7.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 51,220 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 10,105 (-16.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,370 (-4.4%) from a year ago. There were 47,959 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.1 million. There were 2,548 (5.3%) partial payments issued in February 2018 compared to 3,004 (6.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$357. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 67 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 33 (-33.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 83 (-55.3%) from February 2017. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,242 first payments and 562 final payments were issued in February 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,834 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2018. Of the 1,834 determinations, 1,049 (57.2%) were separation issues and 785 (42.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 426 (40.6%) separation issues and 757 (96.4%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 380 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2018. Of the 380 processed, 321 (84.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 59 (15.5%) 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	4,859	7,749	5,376	-37.3%	-9.6%	12,608	12,795
Monetary Determinations	3,200	6,184	3,521	-48.3%	-9.1%	9,384	9,357
Monetary Ineligible	234	277	221	-15.5%	5.9%	511	423
Weeks Claimed	51,220	61,325	53,590	-16.5%	-4.4%	112,545	116,031
Number of Payments	47,959	53,734	49,887	-10.7%	-3.9%	101,693	104,465
Amount of Payments	\$17,139,035	\$19,057,534	\$17,573,513	-10.1%	-2.5%	\$36,196,569	\$36,523,712
Average Payment	\$357	\$355	\$352	0.8%	1.4%	\$356	\$350
Partial Payments	2,548	3,151	3,004	-19.1%	-15.2%	5,699	6,100
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.2	15.0	0.2%	1.5%	15.2	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.4	28.3	28.8	0.5%	-1.2%	28.4	28.8
First Payments	3,242	5,685	3,464	-43.0%	-6.4%	8,927	9,014
Final Payments	562	761	629	-26.1%	-10.7%	1,323	1,439
Workshare Initial Claims	67	100	150	-33.0%	-55.3%	167	266
Workshare Equivalency	17	23	45	-26.1%	-62.2%	40	84
Workshare Continued Claims	1,580	1,416	695	11.6%	127.3%	2,996	1,287

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