

Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2018

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,749 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 977 (-11.2%) from the previous month, and an increase of 330 (4.4%) from a year ago. Of the 6,184 monetary determinations issued in January 277 (4.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 61,325 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 28,648 (87.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,116 (-1.8%) from a year ago. There were 53,734 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$19.1 million. There were 3,151 (5.9%) partial payments issued in January 2018 compared to 3,096 (5.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$355. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 100 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 30 (42.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 16 (-13.8%) from January 2017. It is estimated that 23 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 5,685 first payments and 761 final payments were issued in January 2018. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,562 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2018. Of the 1,562 determinations, 868 (55.6%) were separation issues and 694 (44.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 379 (43.7%) separation issues and 637 (91.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 370 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2018. Of the 370 processed, 308 (83.2%) were filed by UI applicants and 62 (16.8%) 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	7,749	8,726	7,419	-11.2%	4.4%	7,749	7,419
Monetary Determinations	6,184	4,521	5,836	36.8%	6.0%	6,184	5,836
Monetary Ineligible	277	256	202	8.2%	37.1%	277	202
Weeks Claimed	61,325	32,677	62,441	87.7%	-1.8%	61,325	62,441
Number of Payments	53,734	29,605	54,578	81.5%	-1.5%	53,734	54,578
Amount of Payments	\$19,057,534	\$10,376,249	\$18,950,199	83.7%	0.6%	\$19,057,534	\$18,950,199
Average Payment	\$355	\$350	\$347	1.2%	2.1%	\$355	\$347
Partial Payments	3,151	2,054	3,096	53.4%	1.8%	3,151	3,096
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.3	14.9	-0.8%	1.9%	15.2	14.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.3	28.8	29.3	-1.8%	-3.5%	28.3	29.3
First Payments	5,685	2,215	5,550	156.7%	2.4%	5,685	5,550
Final Payments	761	608	810	25.2%	-6.0%	761	810
Workshare Initial Claims	100	70	116	42.9%	-13.8%	100	116
Workshare Equivalency	23	17	39	35.3%	-41.0%	23	39
Workshare Continued Claims	1,416	1,124	592	26.0%	139.2%	1,416	592

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