

Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 8,726 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,191 (92.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 407 (-4.5%) from a year ago. Of the 4,521 monetary determinations issued in December 256 (5.7%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 32,677 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 5,535 (20.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,833 (-8.0%) from a year ago. There were 29,605 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.4 million. There were 2,054 (6.9%) partial payments issued in December 2017 compared to 2,424 (7.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$350. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 70 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 145 (-67.4%) from the previous month and a decrease of 19 (-21.3%) from December 2016. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,215 first payments and 608 final payments were issued in December 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,594 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2017. Of the 1,594 determinations, 950 (59.6%) were separation issues and 644 (40.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 405 (42.6%) separation issues and 611 (94.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 326 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2017. Of the 326 processed, 256 (78.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 70 (21.5%) 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	2017	2016
Initial Claims	8,726	4,535	9,133	92.4%	-4.5%	59,443	64,825
Monetary Determinations	4,521	2,861	4,966	58.0%	-9.0%	36,849	39,916
Monetary Ineligible	256	210	286	21.9%	-10.5%	2,213	2,853
Weeks Claimed	32,677	27,142	35,510	20.4%	-8.0%	477,928	500,031
Number of Payments	29,605	25,143	31,891	17.7%	-7.2%	439,143	456,594
Amount of Payments	\$10,376,249	\$8,990,658	\$10,882,594	15.4%	-4.7%	\$152,177,528	\$153,004,049
Average Payment	\$350	\$358	\$341	-2.0%	2.7%	\$347	\$335
Partial Payments	2,054	1,886	2,424	8.9%	-15.3%	29,743	31,478
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.2	15.0	0.5%	1.9%	15.3	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.8	28.8	28.9	-0.1%	-0.4%	28.8	28.9
First Payments	2,215	1,804	2,422	22.8%	-8.5%	28,741	30,539
Final Payments	608	635	670	-4.3%	-9.3%	8,453	8,907
Workshare Initial Claims	70	215	89	-67.4%	-21.3%	1,171	1,201
Workshare Equivalency	17	63	23	-73.0%	-26.1%	318	313
Workshare Continued Claims	1,124	1,262	455	-10.9%	147.0%	13,513	16,366

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