



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,535 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 1,117 (32.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 377 (-7.7%) from a year ago. Of the 2,861 monetary determinations issued in November 210 (7.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 27,142 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, a decrease of 2,986 (-9.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3,012 (-10.0%) from a year ago. There were 25,143 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.0 million. There were 1,886 (7.5%) partial payments issued in November 2017 compared to 2,180 (8.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$358. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 215 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 136 (172.2%) from the previous month and an increase of 185 (616.7%) from November 2016. It is estimated that 63 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,804 first payments and 635 final payments were issued in November 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,640 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2017. Of the 1,640 determinations, 1,025 (62.5%) were separation issues and 615 (37.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 442 (43.1%) separation issues and 582 (94.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 375 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2017. Of the 375 processed, 311 (82.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 64 (17.1%) 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	4,535	3,418	4,912	32.7%	-7.7%	50,717	55,692
Monetary Determinations	2,861	2,138	3,168	33.8%	-9.7%	32,328	34,950
Monetary Ineligible	210	120	256	75.0%	-18.0%	1,957	2,567
Weeks Claimed	27,142	30,128	30,154	-9.9%	-10.0%	445,251	464,521
Number of Payments	25,143	27,502	27,185	-8.6%	-7.5%	409,538	424,703
Amount of Payments	\$8,990,658	\$9,965,234	\$9,385,111	-9.8%	-4.2%	\$141,801,279	\$142,121,455
Average Payment	\$358	\$362	\$345	-1.3%	3.6%	\$346	\$335
Partial Payments	1,886	1,987	2,180	-5.1%	-13.5%	27,689	29,054
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.2	15.0	0.3%	1.7%	15.2	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.8	28.2	29.0	2.3%	-0.5%	28.8	29.0
First Payments	1,804	1,600	1,959	12.8%	-7.9%	26,526	28,117
Final Payments	635	710	649	-10.6%	-2.2%	7,845	8,237
Workshare Initial Claims	215	79	30	172.2%	616.7%	1,101	1,112
Workshare Equivalency	63	26	10	142.3%	530.0%	301	290
Workshare Continued Claims	1,262	1,142	1,440	10.5%	-12.4%	12,389	15,911

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