

Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,164 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 553 (-14.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 14 (-0.4%) from a year ago. Of the 2,035 monetary determinations issued in September 158 (7.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 26,692 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 10,997 (-29.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,584 (-8.8%) from a year ago. There were 24,612 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$8.7 million. There were 2,030 (8.2%) partial payments issued in September 2017 compared to 2,294 (8.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$355. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 58 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 18 (45.0%) from the previous month and a decrease of 110 (-65.5%) from September 2016. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,376 first payments and 574 final payments were issued in September 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,791 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2017. Of the 1,791 determinations, 1,063 (59.4%) were separation issues and 728 (40.6%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 479 (45.1%) separation issues and 664 (91.2%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 399 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2017. Of the 399 processed, 329 (82.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 70 (17.5%) 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	3,164	3,717	3,178	-14.9%	-0.4%	42,764	47,258
Monetary Determinations	2,035	2,310	1,993	-11.9%	2.1%	27,329	29,714
Monetary Ineligible	158	188	198	-16.0%	-20.2%	1,627	2,137
Weeks Claimed	26,692	37,689	29,276	-29.2%	-8.8%	387,981	402,104
Number of Payments	24,612	36,118	26,700	-31.9%	-7.8%	356,893	368,669
Amount of Payments	\$8,743,655	\$11,618,816	\$9,178,324	-24.7%	-4.7%	\$122,845,387	\$122,716,062
Average Payment	\$355	\$322	\$344	10.4%	3.3%	\$344	\$333
Partial Payments	2,030	2,767	2,294	-26.6%	-11.5%	23,816	24,634
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.2	15.0	0.5%	1.8%	15.3	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.3	28.3	29.7	0.0%	-4.7%	28.3	29.7
First Payments	1,376	1,723	1,558	-20.1%	-11.7%	23,122	24,536
Final Payments	574	608	622	-5.6%	-7.7%	6,500	6,865
Workshare Initial Claims	58	40	168	45.0%	-65.5%	807	872
Workshare Equivalency	17	12	54	41.7%	-68.5%	212	230
Workshare Continued Claims	1,078	1,197	1,244	-9.9%	-13.3%	9,985	13,218

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