



Monthly Update

Month Ending: August 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,717 initial claims were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 365 (-8.9%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 478 (-11.4%) from a year ago. Of the 2,310 monetary determinations issued in August, 188 (8.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 37,689 weeks claimed were processed during the month of August, a decrease of 8,900 (-19.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 10,362 (-21.6%) from a year ago. There were 36,118 payments made in August, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.6 million. There were 2,767 (7.7%) partial payments issued in August 2017 compared to 3,290 (7.4%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$322. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.2 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 40 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 58 (-59.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2 (-4.8%) from July 2016. It is estimated that 12 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,723 first payments and 608 final payments were issued in August 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,103 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of August 2017. Of the 2,103 determinations, 1,195 (56.8%) were separation issues and 908 (43.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 512 (42.8%) separation issues and 813 (89.5%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 449 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in August 2017. Of the 449 processed, 363 (80.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 86 (19.2%) 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	3,717	4,082	4,195	-8.9%	-11.4%	39,600	44,080
Monetary Determinations	2,310	2,667	2,628	-13.4%	-12.1%	25,294	27,721
Monetary Ineligible	188	127	201	48.0%	-6.5%	1,469	1,939
Weeks Claimed	37,689	46,589	48,051	-19.1%	-21.6%	361,289	372,828
Number of Payments	36,118	41,784	44,432	-13.6%	-18.7%	332,281	341,969
Amount of Payments	\$11,618,816	\$13,322,495	\$13,812,780	-12.8%	-15.9%	\$114,101,732	\$113,537,738
Average Payment	\$322	\$319	\$311	0.9%	3.5%	\$343	\$332
Partial Payments	2,767	2,898	3,290	-4.5%	-15.9%	21,786	22,340
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.2	15.3	15.0	-0.4%	1.6%	15.2	15.0
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.3	28.1	29.2	0.7%	-3.1%	28.3	29.2
First Payments	1,723	3,327	2,137	-48.2%	-19.4%	21,746	22,978
Final Payments	608	820	830	-25.9%	-26.7%	5,926	6,243
Workshare Initial Claims	40	98	42	-59.2%	-4.8%	749	704
Workshare Equivalency	12	25	16	-52.0%	-25.0%	195	176
Workshare Continued Claims	1,197	896	1,949	33.6%	-38.6%	8,907	11,974

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