



Monthly Update

Month Ending: May 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,674 initial claims were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 1,682 (-31.4%) from the previous month, and an increase of 84 (2.3%) from a year ago. Of the 2,501 monetary determinations issued in May, 181 (7.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 38,413 weeks claimed were processed during the month of May, a decrease of 2,570 (-6.3%) from the previous month and a decrease of 2,280 (-5.6%) from a year ago. There were 35,244 payments made in May, which resulted in payments totaling \$12.3 million. There were 2,494 (7.1%) partial payments issued in May 2017 compared to 2,517 (6.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$350. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.3 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 78 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 27 (-25.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of -44 (-36.1%) from May 2016. It is estimated that 19 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,781 first payments and 866 final payments were issued in May 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.5 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,805 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of May 2017. Of the 1,805 determinations, 1,076 (59.6%) were separation issues and 729 (40.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 452 (42.0%) separation issues and 677 (92.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 455 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in May 2017. Of the 455 processed, 364 (8.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 91 (20.0%) 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	3,674	5,356	3,590	-31.4%	2.3%	25,781	29,290
Monetary Determinations	2,501	2,670	2,618	-6.3%	-4.5%	17,118	18,823
Monetary Ineligible	181	219	341	-17.4%	-46.9%	1,010	1,366
Weeks Claimed	38,413	40,983	40,693	-6.3%	-5.6%	246,394	250,689
Number of Payments	35,244	38,106	38,754	-7.5%	-9.1%	226,396	230,250
Amount of Payments	\$12,319,277	\$13,275,211	\$13,773,179	-7.2%	-10.6%	\$79,474,329	\$78,313,603
Average Payment	\$350	\$348	\$355	0.3%	-1.6%	\$351	\$340
Partial Payments	2,494	2,367	2,517	5.4%	-0.9%	13,952	14,074
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.3	15.1	15.1	1.6%	1.6%	15.3	15.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.5	28.4	29.0	0.2%	-1.9%	28.5	29.0
First Payments	1,781	1,928	2,508	-7.6%	-29.0%	14,784	15,800
Final Payments	866	748	872	15.8%	-0.7%	3,812	3,981
Workshare Initial Claims	78	105	122	-25.7%	-36.1%	556	395
Workshare Equivalency	19	17	24	11.8%	-20.8%	141	96
Workshare Continued Claims	1,977	1,125	2,351	75.7%	-15.9%	5,508	6,766

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