



Monthly Update

Month Ending: April 30, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,356 initial claims were processed during the month of April, an increase of 1,400 (35.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 629 (-10.5%) from a year ago. Of the 2,670 monetary determinations issued in April, 219 (8.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 40,983 weeks claimed were processed during the month of April, a decrease of 9,984 (-19.6%) from the previous month and a decrease of 706 (-1.7%) from a year ago. There were 38,106 payments made in April, which resulted in payments totaling \$13.3 million. There were 2,367 (6.2%) partial payments issued in April 2017 compared to 2,491 (6.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$348. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 105 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 2 (-1.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6 (-5.4%) from April 2016. It is estimated that 17 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,928 first payments and 748 final payments were issued in April 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,774 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of April 2017. Of the 1,774 determinations, 1,055 (59.5%) were separation issues and 719 (40.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 446 (42.3%) separation issues and 691 (96.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 412 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in April 2017. Of the 412 processed, 334 (81.1%) were filed by UI applicants and 78 (18.9%) 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	5,356	3,956	5,985	35.4%	-10.5%	22,107	25,700
Monetary Determinations	2,670	2,590	2,917	3.1%	-8.5%	14,617	16,205
Monetary Ineligible	219	187	150	17.1%	46.0%	829	1,025
Weeks Claimed	40,983	50,967	41,689	-19.6%	-1.7%	207,981	209,996
Number of Payments	38,106	48,581	38,031	-21.6%	0.2%	191,152	191,496
Amount of Payments	\$13,275,211	\$17,356,129	\$12,737,449	-23.5%	4.2%	\$67,155,052	\$64,540,424
Average Payment	\$348	\$357	\$335	-2.5%	4.0%	\$351	\$337
Partial Payments	2,367	2,991	2,491	-20.9%	-5.0%	11,458	11,557
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.1	15.3	-0.1%	-1.4%	15.1	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.4	28.7	29.2	-1.2%	-2.9%	28.4	29.2
First Payments	1,928	2,061	1,853	-6.5%	4.0%	13,003	13,292
Final Payments	748	759	825	-1.4%	-9.3%	2,946	3,109
Workshare Initial Claims	105	107	111	-1.9%	-5.4%	478	273
Workshare Equivalency	17	21	31	-19.0%	-45.2%	122	72
Workshare Continued Claims	1,125	1,119	1,451	0.5%	-22.5%	3,531	4,415

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