



Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 3,956 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 1,420 (-26.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 64 (-1.6%) from a year ago. Of the 2,590 monetary determinations issued in March, 187 (7.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 50,967 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 2,623 (-4.9%) from the previous month and an increase of 155 (0.3%) from a year ago. There were 48,581 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.4 million. There were 2,991 (6.2%) partial payments issued in March 2017 compared to 2,882 (5.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$357. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.1 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 107 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 43 (-28.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 22 (25.9%) from March 2016. It is estimated that 21 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,061 first payments and 759 final payments were issued in March 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.7 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,947 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2017. Of the 1,947 determinations, 1,158 (59.5%) were separation issues and 789 (40.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 469 (40.5%) separation issues and 757 (95.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 408 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2017. Of the 408 processed, 332 (81.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 76 (18.6%) 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	3,956	5,376	4,020	-26.4%	-1.6%	16,751	19,715
Monetary Determinations	2,590	3,521	2,685	-26.4%	-3.5%	11,947	13,288
Monetary Ineligible	187	221	225	-15.4%	-16.9%	610	875
Weeks Claimed	50,967	53,590	50,812	-4.9%	0.3%	166,998	168,307
Number of Payments	48,581	49,887	48,793	-2.6%	-0.4%	153,046	153,465
Amount of Payments	\$17,356,129	\$17,573,513	\$16,657,167	-1.2%	4.2%	\$53,879,841	\$51,802,975
Average Payment	\$357	\$352	\$341	1.4%	4.7%	\$352	\$338
Partial Payments	2,991	3,004	2,882	-0.4%	3.8%	9,091	9,066
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.1	15.0	15.4	0.8%	-1.8%	15.1	15.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.7	28.8	29.3	-0.3%	-2.0%	28.7	29.3
First Payments	2,061	3,464	2,247	-40.5%	-8.3%	11,075	11,439
Final Payments	759	629	821	20.7%	-7.6%	2,198	2,284
Workshare Initial Claims	107	150	85	-28.7%	25.9%	373	162
Workshare Equivalency	21	45	22	-53.3%	-4.5%	105	41
Workshare Continued Claims	1,119	695	1,221	61.0%	-8.4%	2,406	2,964

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