



Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 28, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 5,376 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 2,043 (-27.5%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,910 (-26.2%) from a year ago. Of the 3,521 monetary determinations issued in February, 221 (6.3%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 53,590 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 8,851 (-14.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 13,425 (-20.0%) from a year ago. There were 49,887 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling \$17.6 million. There were 3,004 (6.0%) partial payments issued in February 2017 compared to 3,546 (5.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$352. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 150 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 34 (29.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 96 (177.8%) from February 2016. It is estimated that 45 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 3,464 first payments and 629 final payments were issued in February 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,766 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2017. Of the 1,766 determinations, 1,053 (59.6%) were separation issues and 713 (40.4%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 425 (40.4%) separation issues and 677 (95.0%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 379 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2017. Of the 379 processed, 318 (83.9%) were filed by UI applicants and 61 (16.1%) 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	5,376	7,419	7,286	-27.5%	-26.2%	12,795	15,695
Monetary Determinations	3,521	5,836	4,692	-39.7%	-25.0%	9,357	10,603
Monetary Ineligible	221	202	350	9.4%	-36.9%	423	650
Weeks Claimed	53,590	62,441	67,015	-14.2%	-20.0%	116,031	117,495
Number of Payments	49,887	54,578	60,488	-8.6%	-17.5%	104,465	104,672
Amount of Payments	\$17,573,513	\$18,950,199	\$20,527,711	-7.3%	-14.4%	\$36,523,712	\$35,145,808
Average Payment	\$352	\$347	\$339	1.5%	3.8%	\$350	\$336
Partial Payments	3,004	3,096	3,546	-3.0%	-15.3%	6,100	6,184
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	14.9	15.6	0.9%	-3.6%	15.0	15.6
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.8	29.3	29.8	-1.5%	-3.2%	28.8	29.8
First Payments	3,464	5,550	4,440	-37.6%	-22.0%	9,014	9,192
Final Payments	629	810	770	-22.3%	-18.3%	1,439	1,463
Workshare Initial Claims	150	116	54	29.3%	177.8%	266	77
Workshare Equivalency	45	39	11	15.4%	309.1%	84	19
Workshare Continued Claims	695	592	929	17.4%	-25.2%	1,287	1,743

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