



Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2017

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,419 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 1,714 (-18.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 990 (-11.8%) from a year ago. Of the 5,836 monetary determinations issued in January, 202 (3.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 62,441 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 26,931 (75.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 11,961 (23.7%) from a year ago. There were 54,578 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$18.9 million. There were 3,096 (5.7%) partial payments issued in January 2017 compared to 2,638 (6.0%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$347. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 14.9 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 116 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 27 (30.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 93 (404.3%) from January 2016. It is estimated that 39 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 5,550 first payments and 810 final payments were issued in January 2017. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,822 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2017. Of the 1,822 determinations, 945 (51.9%) were separation issues and 877 (48.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 385 (40.7%) separation issues and 808 (92.1%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 392 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2017. Of the 392 processed, 305 (77.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 87 (22.2%) 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 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Initial Claims | 7,419 | 9,133 | 8,409 | -18.8% | -11.8% | 7,419 | 8,409 |
| Monetary Determinations | 5,836 | 4,966 | 5,911 | 17.5% | -1.3% | 5,836 | 5,911 |
| Monetary Ineligible | 202 | 286 | 300 | -29.4% | -32.7% | 202 | 300 |
| Weeks Claimed | 62,441 | 35,510 | 50,480 | 75.8% | 23.7% | 62,441 | 50,480 |
| Number of Payments | 54,578 | 31,891 | 44,184 | 71.1% | 23.5% | 54,578 | 44,184 |
| Amount of Payments | \$18,950,199 | \$10,882,594 | \$14,618,097 | 74.1% | 29.6% | \$18,950,199 | \$14,618,097 |
| Average Payment | \$347 | \$341 | \$331 | 1.7% | 4.9% | \$347 | \$331 |
| Partial Payments | 3,096 | 2,424 | 2,638 | 27.7% | 17.4% | 3,096 | 2,638 |
| Average Duration (12 Months) | 14.9 | 15.0 | 15.7 | -0.7% | -5.1% | 14.9 | 15.7 |
| Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months) | 29.3 | 28.9 | 30.0 | 1.4% | -2.3% | 29.3 | 30.0 |
| First Payments | 5,550 | 2,422 | 4,752 | 129.1% | 16.8% | 5,550 | 4,752 |
| Final Payments | 810 | 670 | 693 | 20.9% | 16.9% | 810 | 693 |
| Workshare Initial Claims | 116 | 89 | 23 | 30.3% | 404.3% | 116 | 23 |
| Workshare Equivalency | 39 | 23 | 8 | 69.6% | 387.5% | 39 | 8 |
| Workshare Continued Claims | 592 | 455 | 814 | 30.1% | -27.3% | 592 | 814 |

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