



Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 9,133 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,221 (85.9%) from the previous month, and an increase of 451 (5.2%) from a year ago. Of the 4,966 monetary determinations issued in December, 286 (5.8%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 35,510 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 5,356 (17.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 3,680 (-9.4%) from a year ago. There were 31,891 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$10.9 million. There were 2,424 (7.6%) partial payments issued in December 2016 compared to 2,773 (7.9%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$341. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 89 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 59 (196.7%) from the previous month and an increase of 27 (43.5%) from December 2015. It is estimated that 23 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,422 first payments and 670 final payments were issued in December 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 28.9 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,659 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2016. Of the 1,659 determinations, 1,044 (62.9%) were separation issues and 615 (37.1%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 440 (42.1%) separation issues and 577 (93.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 344 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2016. Of the 344 processed, 282 (82.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 62 (18.0%) 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		2016	Year to Date 2015
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	9,133	4,912	8,682	85.9%	5.2%	64,825	67,234
Monetary Determinations	4,966	3,168	5,013	56.8%	-0.9%	39,916	40,741
Monetary Ineligible	286	256	313	11.7%	-8.6%	2,853	3,191
Weeks Claimed	35,510	30,154	39,190	17.8%	-9.4%	500,031	538,025
Number of Payments	31,891	27,185	35,096	17.3%	-9.1%	456,594	486,166
Amount of Payments	\$10,882,594	\$9,385,111	\$11,508,669	16.0%	-5.4%	\$153,004,049	\$158,256,953
Average Payment	\$341	\$345	\$328	-1.2%	4.1%	\$335	\$326
Partial Payments	2,424	2,180	2,773	11.2%	-12.6%	31,478	33,961
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.4	-0.3%	-2.9%	15.0	15.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	28.9	29.0	30.4	-0.3%	-4.9%	28.9	30.4
First Payments	2,422	1,959	2,591	23.6%	-6.5%	30,539	31,551
Final Payments	670	649	757	3.2%	-11.5%	8,907	10,081
Workshare Initial Claims	89	30	62	196.7%	43.5%	1,201	1,030
Workshare Equivalency	23	10	15	130.0%	53.3%	313	274
Workshare Continued Claims	455	1,440	881	-68.4%	-48.4%	16,366	12,065

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