



Monthly Update

Month Ending: November 30, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,912 initial claims were processed during the month of November, an increase of 1,390 (39.5%) from the previous month, and an increase of 689 (16.3%) from a year ago. Of the 3,168 monetary determinations issued in November, 256 (8.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 30,154 weeks claimed were processed during the month of November, a decrease of 2,109 (-6.5%) from the previous month and a decrease of 6,185 (-17.0%) from a year ago. There were 27,185 payments made in November, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.4 million. There were 2,180 (8.0%) partial payments issued in November 2016 compared to 2,298 (7.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$345. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 30 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 180 (-85.7%) from the previous month and a decrease of 40 (-57.1%) from November 2015. It is estimated that 10 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 1,959 first payments and 649 final payments were issued in November 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,712 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of November 2016. Of the 1,712 determinations, 1,092 (63.8%) were separation issues and 620 (36.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 446 (40.8%) separation issues and 557 (89.8%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 366 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in November 2016. Of the 366 processed, 276 (75.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 90 (24.6%) 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		2016	Year to Date 2015
				Previous Month	Year Ago		
Initial Claims	4,912	3,522	4,223	39.5%	16.3%	55,692	58,552
Monetary Determinations	3,168	2,068	2,635	53.2%	20.2%	34,950	35,728
Monetary Ineligible	256	174	234	47.1%	9.4%	2,567	2,878
Weeks Claimed	30,154	32,263	36,339	-6.5%	-17.0%	464,521	498,835
Number of Payments	27,185	28,849	32,156	-5.8%	-15.5%	424,703	451,070
Amount of Payments	\$9,385,111	\$10,020,282	\$10,698,582	-6.3%	-12.3%	\$142,121,455	\$146,748,284
Average Payment	\$345	\$347	\$333	-0.6%	3.8%	\$335	\$325
Partial Payments	2,180	2,240	2,298	-2.7%	-5.1%	29,054	31,188
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.1	15.3	-0.8%	-2.1%	15.0	15.3
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.0	30.1	31.4	-3.6%	-7.6%	29.0	31.4
First Payments	1,959	1,622	2,076	20.8%	-5.6%	28,117	28,960
Final Payments	649	723	742	-10.2%	-12.5%	8,237	9,324
Workshare Initial Claims	30	210	70	-85.7%	-57.1%	1,112	968
Workshare Equivalency	10	50	23	-80.0%	-56.5%	290	259
Workshare Continued Claims	1,440	1,253	891	14.9%	61.6%	15,911	11,184

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