

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: September 30, 2016

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 3,178 initial claims were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 1,017 (-24.2%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 601 (-15.9%) from a year ago. Of the 1,993 monetary determinations issued in September, 198 (9.9%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 29,276 weeks claimed were processed during the month of September, a decrease of 18,775 (-39.1%) from the previous month and a decrease of 124 (-0.4%) from a year ago. There were 26,700 payments made in September, which resulted in payments totaling \$9.2 million. There were 2,294 (8.6%) partial payments issued in September 2016 compared to 2,110 (7.7%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$344. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 168 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 126 (300.0%) from the previous month and an increase of 16 (10.5%) from September 2015. It is estimated that 54 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 1,558 first payments and 622 final payments were issued in September 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.7 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,985 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of September 2016. Of the 1,985 determinations, 1,187 (59.8%) were separation issues and 798 (40.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 515 (43.4%) separation issues and 689 (86.3%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 466 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in September 2016. Of the 466 processed, 354 (76.0%) were filed by UI applicants and 112 (24.0%) 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		Year to Date	
				Previous Month	Year Ago	2016	2015
Initial Claims	3,178	4,195	3,779	-24.2%	-15.9%	47,258	50,435
Monetary Determinations	1,993	2,628	2,457	-24.2%	-18.9%	29,714	30,737
Monetary Ineligible	198	201	259	-1.5%	-23.6%	2,137	2,412
Weeks Claimed	29,276	48,051	29,400	-39.1%	-0.4%	402,104	434,480
Number of Payments	26,700	44,432	27,265	-39.9%	-2.1%	368,669	393,575
Amount of Payments	\$9,178,324	\$13,812,780	\$9,047,883	-33.6%	1.4%	\$122,716,062	\$127,516,371
Average Payment	\$344	\$311	\$332	10.6%	3.6%	\$333	\$324
Partial Payments	2,294	3,290	2,110	-30.3%	8.7%	24,634	27,069
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.4	0.1%	-2.5%	15.0	15.4
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.7	29.2	31.9	1.6%	-7.0%	29.7	31.9
First Payments	1,558	2,137	1,627	-27.1%	-4.2%	24,536	25,364
Final Payments	622	830	693	-25.1%	-10.2%	6,865	7,939
Workshare Initial Claims	168	42	152	300.0%	10.5%	872	819
Workshare Equivalency	54	16	37	237.5%	45.9%	230	215
Workshare Continued Claims	1,244	1,949	701	-36.2%	77.5%	13,218	9,622

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