



Monthly Update

Month Ending: July 31, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,263 initial claims were processed during the month of July, a decrease of 2,069 (-32.7%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,039 (-19.6%) from a year ago. Of the 2,712 monetary determinations issued in July, 119 (4.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 40,599 weeks claimed were processed during the month of July, an increase of 7,110 (21.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 1,558 (-3.7%) from a year ago. There were 36,584 payments made in July, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.3 million. There were 2,619 (7.2%) partial payments issued in July 2016 compared to 2,685 (7.2%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$309. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.0 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 143 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 19 (15.3%) from the previous month and an increase of 72 (101.4%) from July 2015. It is estimated that 32 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,982 first payments and 732 final payments were issued in July 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 30.0 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,951 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of July 2016. Of the 1,951 determinations, 1,009 (51.7%) were separation issues and 942 (48.3%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 439 (43.5%) separation issues and 687 (72.9%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 435 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in July 2016. Of the 435 processed, 351 (80.7%) were filed by UI applicants and 84 (19.3%) 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	4,263	6,332	5,302	-32.7%	-19.6%	39,885	42,673
Monetary Determinations	2,712	3,558	3,337	-23.8%	-18.7%	25,093	25,899
Monetary Ineligible	119	253	220	-53.0%	-45.9%	1,738	1,929
Weeks Claimed	40,599	33,489	42,157	21.2%	-3.7%	324,777	356,744
Number of Payments	36,584	30,703	37,525	19.2%	-2.5%	297,537	322,049
Amount of Payments	\$11,320,826	\$10,090,529	\$11,369,503	12.2%	-0.4%	\$99,724,958	\$105,059,180
Average Payment	\$309	\$329	\$303	-5.8%	2.1%	\$335	\$326
Partial Payments	2,619	2,357	2,685	11.1%	-2.5%	19,050	21,936
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.0	15.0	15.5	0.0%	-3.2%	15.0	15.5
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	30.0	29.0	32.4	3.3%	-7.5%	30.0	32.4
First Payments	2,982	2,059	3,009	44.8%	-0.9%	20,841	21,609
Final Payments	732	700	742	4.6%	-1.3%	5,413	6,366
Workshare Initial Claims	143	124	71	15.3%	101.4%	662	653
Workshare Equivalency	32	32	22	0.0%	45.5%	160	174
Workshare Continued Claims	1,310	1,949	1,085	-32.8%	20.7%	10,025	7,718

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