

Monthly Update

Month Ending: March 31, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 4,020 initial claims were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 3,266 (-44.8%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 504 (-11.1%) from a year ago. Of the 2,685 monetary determinations issued in March, 225 (8.4%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 50,812 weeks claimed were processed during the month of March, a decrease of 16,203 (-24.2%) from the previous month and a decrease of 20,009 (-28.3%) from a year ago. There were 48,793 payments made in March, which resulted in payments totaling \$16.7 million. There were 2,882 (5.9%) partial payments issued in March 2016 compared to 4,145 (6.3%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$341. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.4 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 85 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 31 (57.4%) from the previous month and an increase of 29 (51.8%) from March 2015. It is estimated that 22 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,247 first payments and 821 final payments were issued in March 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.3 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 2,260 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of March 2016. Of the 2,260 determinations, 1,337 (59.2%) were separation issues and 923 (40.8%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 562 (42.0%) separation issues and 828 (89.7%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 413 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in March 2016. Of the 413 processed, 338 (81.8%) were filed by UI applicants and 75 (18.2%) 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	4,020	7,286	4,524	-44.8%	-11.1%	19,715	21,583
Monetary Determinations	2,685	4,692	3,082	-42.8%	-12.9%	13,288	14,411
Monetary Ineligible	225	350	359	-35.7%	-37.3%	875	1,153
Weeks Claimed	50,812	67,015	70,821	-24.2%	-28.3%	168,307	192,262
Number of Payments	48,793	60,488	65,347	-19.3%	-25.3%	153,465	173,277
Amount of Payments	\$16,657,167	\$20,527,711	\$21,996,736	-18.9%	-24.3%	\$51,802,975	\$57,335,405
Average Payment	\$341	\$339	\$337	0.6%	1.4%	\$338	\$331
Partial Payments	2,882	3,546	4,145	-18.7%	-30.5%	9,066	11,258
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.4	15.6	15.8	-1.5%	-2.8%	15.4	15.8
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	29.3	29.8	35.2	-1.7%	-16.8%	29.3	35.2
First Payments	2,247	4,440	2,926	-49.4%	-23.2%	11,439	12,626
Final Payments	821	770	1,108	6.6%	-25.9%	2,284	2,817
Workshare Initial Claims	85	54	56	57.4%	51.8%	162	223
Workshare Equivalency	22	11	16	100.0%	37.5%	41	61
Workshare Continued Claims	1,221	929	1,190	31.4%	2.6%	2,964	2,897

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