Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

Monthly Update

Month Ending: February 29, 2016

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 7,286 initial claims were processed during the month of February, a decrease of 1,123 (-13.4%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 795 (-9.8%) from a year ago. Of the 4,692 monetary determinations issued in February, 350 (7.5%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 67,015 weeks claimed were processed during the month of February, an increase of 16,535 (32.8%) from the previous month and an increase of 4,755 (7.6%) from a year ago. There were 60,488 payments made in February, which resulted in payments totaling $20.5 million. There were 3,546 (5.9%) partial payments issued in February 2016 compared to 3,737 (6.6%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was $339. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.6 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 54 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, an increase of 31 (134.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 28 (-34.1%) from February 2015. It is estimated that 11 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island’s Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 4,440 first payments and 770 final payments were issued in February 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 29.8 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,850 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of February 2016. Of the 1,850 determinations, 1,050 (56.8%) were separation issues and 800 (43.2%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 417 (39.7%) separation issues and 733 (91.6%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 430 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in February 2016. Of the 430 processed, 358 (83.3%) were filed by UI applicants and 72 (16.7%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director’s decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

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<th>Current Month</th>
<th>Previous Month</th>
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<td>Initial Claims</td>
<td>7,286</td>
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<td>Monetary Ineligible</td>
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<td>Weeks Claimed</td>
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<td>Number of Payments</td>
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<td>Amount of Payments</td>
<td>$20,527,711</td>
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<td>2,638</td>
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<td>Average Duration (12 Months)</td>
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