

# Monthly Update

Month Ending: January 31, 2016

## Unemployment Insurance

**Initial Claims** – 8,409 initial claims were processed during the month of January, a decrease of 273 (-3.1%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 569 (-6.3%) from a year ago. Of the 5,911 monetary determinations issued in January, 300 (5.1%) were monetarily ineligible.

**Weeks Claimed** – 50,480 weeks claimed were processed during the month of January, an increase of 11,290 (28.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 8,701 (-14.7%) from a year ago. There were 44,184 payments made in January, which resulted in payments totaling \$14.6 million. There were 2,638 (6.0%) partial payments issued in January 2016 compared to 3,376 (6.5%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$331. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.7 weeks per claim.

**Workshare** – 23 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 39 (-62.9%) from the previous month and a decrease of 62 (-72.9%) from January 2015. It is estimated that 8 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

**First and Final Claims** – 4,752 first payments and 693 final payments were issued in January 2016. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 30.0 percent.

**Non-monetary Determinations** – 1,330 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of January 2016. Of the 1,330 determinations, 746 (56.1%) were separation issues and 584 (43.9%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 305 (40.9%) separation issues and 523 (89.6%) non-separation issues.

**Appeals** – 420 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in January 2016. Of the 420 processed, 325 (77.4%) were filed by UI applicants and 95 (22.6%) were filed by employers. The Board upheld the director's decision in nearly two-thirds of the cases.

	Current Month	Previous Month	Year Ago	Previous Month	Year Ago	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2015
Initial Claims	8,409	8,682	8,978	-3.1%	-6.3%	8,409	8,978
Monetary Determinations	5,911	5,013	6,321	17.9%	-6.5%	5,911	6,321
Monetary Ineligible	300	313	374	-4.2%	-19.8%	300	374
Weeks Claimed	50,480	39,190	59,181	28.8%	-14.7%	50,480	59,181
Number of Payments	44,184	35,096	51,643	25.9%	-14.4%	44,184	51,643
Amount of Payments	\$14,618,097	\$11,508,669	\$16,681,354	27.0%	-12.4%	\$14,618,097	\$16,681,354
Average Payment	\$331	\$328	\$323	0.9%	2.4%	\$331	\$323
Partial Payments	2,638	2,773	3,376	-4.9%	-21.9%	2,638	3,376
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.7	15.4	15.9	2.0%	-1.2%	15.7	15.9
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	30.0	30.4	37.1	-1.3%	-19.1%	30.0	37.1
First Payments	4,752	2,591	5,840	83.4%	-18.6%	4,752	5,840
Final Payments	693	757	894	-8.5%	-22.5%	693	894
Workshare Initial Claims	23	62	85	-62.9%	-72.9%	23	85
Workshare Equivalency	8	15	17	-46.7%	-52.9%	8	17
Workshare Continued Claims	814	881	772	-7.6%	5.4%	814	772