

Monthly Update

Month Ending: December 31, 2015

Unemployment Insurance

Initial Claims – 8,682 initial claims were processed during the month of December, an increase of 4,459 (105.6%) from the previous month, and a decrease of 1,126 (-11.5%) from a year ago. Of the 5,013 monetary determinations issued in December, 313 (6.2%) were monetarily ineligible.

Weeks Claimed – 39,190 weeks claimed were processed during the month of December, an increase of 2,851 (7.8%) from the previous month and a decrease of 14,115 (26.5%) from a year ago. There were 35,096 payments made in December, which resulted in payments totaling \$11.5 million. There were 2,773 (7.9%) partial payments issued in December 2015 compared to 3,798 (8.1%) last year. The average weekly benefit payment was \$328. The number of weekly benefit payments is averaging 15.4 weeks per claim.

Workshare – 62 initial claims were processed for Workshare benefits this month, a decrease of 8 (-11.4%) from the previous month and an increase of 23 (59.0%) from December 2014. It is estimated that 15 layoffs were averted this month as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare program.

First and Final Claims – 2,591 first payments and 757 final payments were issued in December 2015. The current exhaustion duration ratio is 30.4 percent.

Non-monetary Determinations – 1,649 non-monetary determinations were issued during the month of December 2015. Of the 1,649 determinations, 1,047 (63.5%) were separation issues and 602 (36.5%) were non-separation issues. Denials were issued for 426 (40.7%) separation issues and 543 (90.2%) non-separation issues.

Appeals – 444 appeal decisions were processed with the Board of Review in December 2015. Of the 444 processed, 353 (79.5%) were filed by UI applicants and 91 (20.5%) 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 2015	Year to Date 2014
Initial Claims	8,682	4,223	9,808	105.6%	-11.5%	67,234	76,712
Monetary Determinations	5,013	2,635	5,526	90.2%	-9.3%	40,741	47,013
Monetary Ineligible	313	234	397	33.8%	-21.2%	3,191	4,511
Weeks Claimed	39,190	36,339	53,305	7.8%	-26.5%	538,025	621,342
Number of Payments	35,096	32,156	46,812	9.1%	-25.0%	486,166	559,852
Amount of Payments	\$11,508,669	\$10,698,582	\$15,104,498	7.6%	-23.8%	\$158,256,953	\$184,240,972
Average Payment	\$328	\$333	\$323	-1.4%	1.6%	\$326	\$329
Partial Payments	2,773	2,298	3,798	20.7%	-27.0%	33,961	45,900
Average Duration (12 Months)	15.4	15.3	16.1	0.7%	-4.3%	15.4	16.1
Exhaustion Ratio (12 Months)	30.4	31.4	37.3	-3.2%	-18.5%	30.4	37.3
First Payments	2,591	2,076	3,543	24.8%	-26.9%	31,551	34,847
Final Payments	757	742	1,111	2.0%	-31.9%	10,081	13,803
Workshare Initial Claims	62	70	39	-11.4%	59.0%	1,030	1,064
Workshare Equivalency	15	23	9	-34.8%	66.7%	274	355
Workshare Continued Claims	881	891	882	-1.1%	-0.1%	12,065	16,070

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